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Practitioner's Docket No. 408445**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Signer, Ethan R. et al.
Application No.: 09/879,329
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Confirmation No.: 4053
Group No.: 1636
Examiner: Sullivan, Daniel M.

For: REMOVAL OF SELECTABLE MARKERS FROM TRANSFORMED CELLS

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AMENDMENT

This communication responds to the Office Action dated October 15, 2004, and is accompanied by an RCE filing.

Written Request Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3):

Please accept this authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time for its timely submission as though the reply incorporates a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. A three month extension of time is requested.

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